

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

**SENATE BILL 6121**

Chapter 72, Laws of 2004

58th Legislature  
2004 Regular Session

WILLS--FILING UNDER SEAL

EFFECTIVE DATE: 6/10/04

Passed by the Senate February 11, 2004  
YEAS 49 NAYS 0

BRAD OWEN

**President of the Senate**

Passed by the House March 3, 2004  
YEAS 96 NAYS 0

FRANK CHOPP

**Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Approved March 22, 2004.

GARY F. LOCKE

**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,  
Secretary of the Senate of the  
State of Washington, do hereby  
certify that the attached is  
**SENATE BILL 6121** as passed by the  
Senate and the House of  
Representatives on the dates  
hereon set forth.

MILTON H. DOUMIT JR.

**Secretary**

FILED

March 22, 2004 - 5:18 p.m.

**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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**By Senators Johnson, Kline, McCaslin, Esser and Winsley**

Read first time 01/12/2004. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

1            AN ACT Relating to filing a will under seal before the testator's  
2 death; and adding a new section to chapter 11.12 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 11.12 RCW  
5 to read as follows:

6            Any person who has custody or control of any original will and who  
7 has not received knowledge of the death of the testator may deliver the  
8 will for filing under seal to any court having jurisdiction. The  
9 testator may withdraw the original will so filed upon proper  
10 identification. Any other person, including an attorney in fact or  
11 guardian of the testator, may withdraw the original will so filed only  
12 upon court order after showing of good cause. Upon request and  
13 presentation of a certified copy of the testator's death certificate,  
14 the clerk shall unseal the file. This section does not preclude filing  
15 a will not under seal and does not alter any duty of a person having  
16 knowledge of the testator's death to file the will.

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